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This newsletter provides current status and planning information on the I-MANAGE enterprise-wide systems initiatives that are currently under development or that are in production within the Department.

### **STARS Project Update**

A STARS Policy Go/No Go decision was made on August 16, 2004, using predetermined Success Criteria measured against the User Acceptance Testing results, to delay the STARS deployment. Key issues leading to this decision included: 1) the inability to reconcile legacy data after conversion; 2) issues still remaining unresolved with the integrated contractor interfaces requiring additional coordination with the 27 contractors; 3) other interfaces needing additional work to ensure that they can properly integrate with the new accounting system; and 4) the need for further testing and for additional time to address reporting needs.

The STARS Project Managers are now assessing work efforts required to complete specific tasks and are drafting a new project plan to ensure successful deployment. A tentative fielding date has been set for April 2005, with a final decision to be made based on the assessment results of an independent verification and validation to be conducted on the new STARS project plan, as well as on completion of the Integrated Contractor interfaces that are currently being finalized and tested. New planning and schedule information will be shared with the STARS Business Community as soon as available.

### **I-MANAGE Data Warehouse Update**

The *I-MANAGE Data Warehouse (IDW)* project is impacted by the delay in the STARS deployment since STARS is planned as a major source of information for the Data Warehouse. The IDW Project Team is currently engaged in determining alternative information that could be populated in the IDW in advance of STARS deployment. Based on this analysis, the IDW Project Managers will make recommendations to DOE executives for initial information and roll-out of the Data Warehouse prior to STARS implementation.

In addition, the IDW Project Team is assisting in report development to facilitate STARS deployment activities, especially data conversion efforts, to include providing user-friendly access to numerous Standard General Ledger summary balances. Once STARS is deployed, the Data Warehouse will obtain headquarters STARS data on a nightly basis. The Data Warehouse will initially provide ten Status of Obligations reports from STARS as well as small business achievement and purchasing reports.

In the future, the IDW will look to enhance support of STARS in the areas of Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and Fixed Assets. In addition, the IDW will continue to evolve by integrating information from other DOE enterprise systems in production or as they become operational, such as: the Corporate Human Resource Information System (CHRIS), the Strategic Integrated Procurement Enterprise System (STRIPES), the Standard Budget System (SBS), the e-Travel System (eTS), the e-Portfolio Management Environment (ePME), and the eContent Management System (eCMS).

## **Standard Budget System Update**

The *Standard Budget System (SBS)* Project Team continues to make significant progress on efforts to identify, evaluate and select a COTS/GOTS software product that will address the requirements for budget processing and functionality necessary for a single SBS enterprise-wide solution. On August 2-4, 2004, the SBS Project Team hosted “live” vendor test demonstrations at the Headquarters Facility. Vendor demonstrations were critiqued and evaluated by key SBS Team members and stakeholders from the Field and Headquarters offices. Vendors participating in the demonstrations were Perot Systems, SAS and Hyperion. Additionally, the Office of Environmental Management (EM) demonstrated the EM Integrated Planning, Accountability and Budgeting System (IPABS) to the product evaluation team on August 31, 2004.

The I-MANAGE Program Management Office and Team IBM have summarized the results of the live test demonstrations and vendor proposal evaluations and developed a software buy recommendation. The recommendation will be provided to key SBS Project stakeholders and the I-MANAGE Executive Steering Committee for concurrence. If approved, the acquisition of the SBS software solution would be targeted for December 2004, subject to available funds.

## **E-Procurement / STRIPES Project Update**

The *E-Procurement* Project has been named the *Strategic Integrated Procurement Enterprise System (STRIPES)*. The STRIPES Project Team has made significant progress and has drafted a detailed project plan identifying critical milestones. The STRIPES Project Management Team held a workshop on June 29 and 30, 2004, to determine the approach for implementing STRIPES. During the workshop, the Team developed a project work breakdown structure identifying specific tasks and resources required to map the path forward.

The Project is now in the Joint Requirements Definition Phase that involves gathering and assessing the requirements of all DOE/NNSA procurement sites located nationwide. During this phase, the team conducted site visits at representative sites that included: the NNSA Service Center, Chicago Operations Office, Oak Ridge Service Center, National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), Golden Field Office, Western Area Power Administration, and Headquarters Procurement Services. In addition to these site visits, conference calls and/or video teleconferences were used to discuss the requirements with other affected offices. The initial draft baseline requirements were published on September 17, 2004, with the final requirements baseline package scheduled to be completed October 2004. On October 28, 2004, the project will enter the Design Phase. During this phase the team will assess vendor software products to include demonstrations which will lead to a selection of a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) product(s).

The Department continues to participate in all government-wide *Grants.gov* interagency working groups, and to support the Interagency Acquisition Environment (IAE). Support to Grants.gov involves direct funding of the effort and participation on Grants.gov interagency teams. The Department continues to monitor the related OMB Grants Management Task Force activities. The STRIPES project will revise its efforts to conform to the grants management solution approach chosen for implementation by OMB. Further, DOE is replacing or modifying legacy applications with IAE components, as they are made available on line. When STRIPES is deployed, the new system will be used to share data with the Grants.gov portal and the IAE, and will replace numerous legacy systems within the Department.

## CHRIS System Update

The *Corporate Human Resource Information System (CHRIS)* continues to provide a high level of services and benefits to departmental managers and employees through all aspects of systems operations. During July 2004, CHRIS was modified to meet new processing requirements for the Public Financial Disclosure Report (SF 278) and the Annual Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450 or 450-A). The updated data from CHRIS will now be used by the General Counsel's Office to identify employees and populate their new Standard of Conduct System with those employees who are required to file the Annual Confidential Financial Disclosure Report based on pay plan, series and grade. The CHRIS Project Team continues to work with the General Counsel's Office to provide on-going support, as well as to provide continued coordination with managers on the various OPM initiatives: the Human Resources – Line of Business (HR-LOB), the Enterprise Human Resource Information (e-HRI), and the Recruitment One-Stop (ROS). And, during August 2004, the CHRIS Project initiated the gap analysis for the next planned major upgrade in FY 2005 to PeopleSoft version 8.8 and the e-performance management functionality.

## I-MANAGE Website - Re-design Effort Underway

The I-MANAGE Program Office has undertaken an initiative to restructure the I-MANAGE Program website to make it easier to locate I-MANAGE Program and Project information. The new design will provide easy access to all Project specific information from one location on the website, and will provide improvements for access to information on I-MANAGE Program initiatives. The newly enhanced I-MANAGE website will soon be available for use. Watch for the announcement in our next newsletter.

Thank you for your interest in the Newsletter. We invite you to visit the I-MANAGE Program website for additional information and welcome your comments and suggestions. If you have questions, we encourage you to use the “[Contact Us](#)” feature on the I-MANAGE website. While you are there, be sure to check our catalog of Frequently Asked Questions.

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